

Westfield Foundation Awards \$28,000 in Grants in Area

WESTFIELD - At the first quarterly board meeting of the Westfield Foundation, Trustees approved grants totaling over \$28,000 to eight applicants.

A grant was awarded to the Westfield Historical Society to underwrite the costs of a long range planning study relating to the future organization and operation of the Society and the Reeve House Museum.

The Westfield Competitive Rowing Team, an independently funded Westfield High School team comprised of boys and girls, received funds to purchase an additional boat for the team.

Funding was provided to assist Eagle Scout candidate Will Mascarich in his project at the Emmanuel Cancer Center in Scotch Plains. Will's project involves landscaping and signage improvements at the center.

Folio, Westfield High School's lit-

Networking Event Slated for March 30

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce invites all local business people to its upcoming "Business After Hours" networking event at Westfield Interiors, 305 South Avenue on Wednesday, March 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to bring business cards or brochures to exchange.

Refreshments will be served, and all attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a free copy of "Never Eat Alone," by Keith Ferrazzi. This book offers a "how-to" explanation about business success through networking.

The Chamber organizes networking activities several times each month including morning, lunch and evening events.

To confirm attendance to this event, please contact the Chamber office at (908) 233-3021.

erary magazine, received a grant to offset the costs of security at their fundraising coffeehouses held throughout the year.

A grant was awarded to the UCPC Behavioral Healthcare to provide security lighting at their facility. The private, non-profit organization is a major provider of mental health treatment services for Union County residents.

Funding was awarded to Union County College to provide scholarship aid for Westfield residents attending the College.

The YWCA of Eastern Union County received a grant to furnish a three-bedroom apartment at their new transitional housing facility for victims of domestic violence and their children.

The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey received funding for their senior music program.

The Westfield Foundation is a non-profit, community foundation, which was established in 1975 to benefit the community. For information about the Foundation, contact the office at (908) 233-9787 or visit www.westfieldnj.com/wf.

F-SP College Club To Discuss Clutter

FANWOOD - Jamie Novak will offer a free presentation, "How to Conquer Clutter in Three Easy Steps" at the next meeting of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club on Monday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Union Catholic High School library, located on Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

A well-known speaker on radio and television, Ms. Novak is the author of several books on the topic of organization.

The club awards scholarships annually to young women in high school and college.

For more information, please call (908) 233-2948.



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER DEVLIN GATES (She is the former Miss Kristina A. Smith)

Miss Kristina A. Smith Weds Christopher D. Gates

Miss Kristina Alexander Smith, the daughter of Mrs. Elisabet Josephson Smith of Brookline, Mass. and Christopher H. Smith of Ponte Vedra, Fla. was married on Saturday, October 23, to Christopher Devlin Gates. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey McNair Gates of Westfield and grandson of the late artists and writers Harry and Wende Devlin. Mrs. Mimi Boyd Smith is the stepmother of the bride.

The afternoon ceremony took place at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Newport, R.I., with the Reverend C. Blayne Colmore officiating at the nuptials. A reception followed at the New York Yacht Club in Newport.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride had her sister, Mrs. Anika Taylor of Manchester, Mass. as her Matron of Honor.

The bridal attendants included Ms. Julia Gates of Westfield, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. Maeve Ewing of Pawling, N.Y.; Mrs. Jeni Howe of Media, Pa., and Mrs. Elena Phillips, Ms. Aleksandra Janke and Ms. Elizabeth Hewes, all of New York City. The Matron of Honor and bridal attendants wore raw silk, off-white bustier tops with apple green drawing skirts, also in raw silk, and green cashmere cable knit sweaters, all by Calypso.

Bryan Gates of Santa Cruz, Calif. was his brother's best man. The ushers included Patrick Smith of Fairfield, Conn., the bride's brother; Graham Macmillan of Mendham, Geoffrey Kelsey of Bristol, R.I., and Taylor Plimpton, Benjamin Federbush, Phillip Warner and Brian Schusterman, all from New York City. Ms. Catherine Tynan and Andrew

Allen, both of Pawling, N.Y., did readings.

A 1994 graduate of St. George's School in Newport, R.I., the bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in sociology from Colby College in Waterville, Me. in 1998. She received a Master of Fine Arts degree in landscape architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design in 2003. Mrs. Gates is employed as a designer at Keith E. Simpson Associates, a landscape architecture and site-planning firm in New Canaan, Conn.

The bridegroom graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. in 1994 and received a bachelor's degree in American Studies in 1998 from Colby College, where he met his future bride. He is employed as a client services officer in the asset management unit of Mariner Capital in New York City.

The bride wore a sheath style dress designed by Badgley Mischka and a French style feather flower veil by Leah C. Couture Millinery. She carried a bouquet of hydrangea, orchids, twigs and berries.

A bridal luncheon was hosted by the bride's sister at the New York Yacht Club in Newport, and the rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at the Clarke Cooke House in Newport.

Bridal showers were given by Mrs. Jill Sitzer, Mrs. Patricia McGovern and Mrs. Frances Comstock, all of Westfield, and by the bride's sister, Mrs. Anika Taylor, and the bride's aunt, Mrs. Dica Smith, of Fairfield, Conn.

Following a wedding trip to Bora Bora and Le Taha'a, the couple resides in Old Greenwich, Conn.

Author Jessie Frees to Read '43 Cats' to Kids at Library

WESTFIELD - On Saturday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m., local author Jessie Lynch Frees will visit the Westfield Memorial Library Children's Room to unveil her new picture book, entitled "Jackie Winquackey and her 43 Cats go to Hollywood."

Ms. Frees will read her book to the children, answer questions and autograph a limited number of first-edition copies. The author will bring along copies of the book, which will be available for purchase at \$14.99

each, plus New Jersey sales tax.

Young listeners are invited to bring a favorite stuffed kitty along to hear the story, if they wish. This free, one-hour program is open to everyone, but is especially relevant for children age four to eight. Parents must accompany pre-school age children.

Reservations are not required. For more information, please call the library at (908) 789-4090. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street and parking is free.

Fanwood Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at Forest Rd. Park

FANWOOD - The borough's annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26, starting at 10 a.m. at Forest Road Park. Plenty of prizes and treats will be given out.

In addition to the hunt, there will be Jelly Bean guessing contests, face painting and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Children will search for eggs in their specified age categories and no one will go home empty handed.

In addition to the actual hunt, children are also invited to participate in the egg decorating and spring drawing contests. Children who wish to participate in these events should bring their completed projects to the park by 9:45 a.m.

For the egg-decorating contest, children create and decorate any egg shaped object they desire (hard boiled eggs, paper maché eggs, plastic eggs, etc.) all will be accepted.

WF Jaycees to Hold Old-Timers Night

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Jaycees will be holding their annual Westfield Jaycee reunion, dubbed "Old-Timer's Night," on Wednesday, April 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Jolly Trolley on North Avenue in Westfield. All past, present and potential Jaycees are invited to attend. Dinner and refreshments will be provided to new guests at no charge.

The Westfield Jaycees is a group of young men and women volunteering time and effort toward the betterment of our community. The Jaycees sponsor such programs as the Westfield Child Shield Program and the Westfield Helmet Safety program. The Jaycees also serve the community by donating time and money to the overall improvement of the Westfield area.

Our next community event is the September 11 Memorial clean up at North Avenue, scheduled for Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. until noon. The rain date will be Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Jaycees hold monthly membership meetings the first Wednesday of each month at a local restaurant. For more information regarding this or any program sponsored by the Westfield Jaycees, please call (908) 812-3000 or email President J.C. Wiley at jwiley@coldwellbanker.com.

For the spring drawing contest, children can create any piece of artwork that can be affixed to a sheet of paper no larger than 8 1/2 inches by 12 inches. Children may decorate their paper using any medium they choose, crayons, paints, colored pencils, etc.

Finished eggs and artwork should be brought to Forest Road Park by 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, with the child's name, address, phone number and age clearly written on the back of the art object or on an index card attached to the object.

The event is held rain or shine. If you would like to volunteer or have any question, please contact Recreation Director Linda Caminiti at (908) 889-2080.

Knights to Conduct Annual Fish Fry

GARWOOD - The Garwood Knights of Columbus will host their Annual Fish Fry, catered by Argyles, on Friday, April 1, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$11 (take-out available) and may be purchased after 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Knights' Council Hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood (opposite PathMark).

Anyone interested in donating a dessert to the dinner can drop it off the week of the event after 4 p.m.

Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended. Parking is available behind the Council Hall off of Willow Avenue. For information, please call (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m.

Volunteers Sought To Cleanup Field

GARWOOD - The Borough of Garwood has announced that a voluntary cleanup will be held at the gazebo park adjacent to the Garwood Baseball League field on Saturday, April 2.

This area has become overrun with leaves, sticks, branches, and overgrown shrubbery and is in need of a spring cleaning. Garwood officials have said.

Residents are asked to bring a rake and work gloves and help beautify the park. The cleanup will begin at 9 a.m. The rain date is Sunday, April 3.

For more information, contact Borough Clerk Christina Ariemma at (908) 789-0710 or Bob Pender at (908) 389-1362.

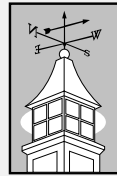


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